



New Creation Churches

September 2020

Prayer Diary

As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.

(Genesis 8:22)

Changing Seasons

As we travel through September we are once again able to experience the change of seasons which we have living in Britain. Whether we enjoy the cycle of seasonal change or not, life is full of seasons of all types, and as they come and go, they ensure that life is also full of change. In many ways this is a blessing, for it means the stress and sorrow of stressful circumstances and situations will come to an end, and a new season will come.

We also experience new seasons in our lives as God moves with us to do new things, and present new opportunities for growth and fulfilment. Perhaps He's asking us to leave something behind that no longer is of benefit to our lives. Sometimes we can even sense that He wants to do something new, quite a while before it becomes clear what it is. When we do, it's a good time to come to Him in prayer, putting our trust in Him that He loves us and will take us through whatever lies ahead without worry or fear, knowing that although we walk through changing times and seasons, we are always safe in the unchanging love of our timeless God.

Poem for Harvest

God of harvest, gardener supreme
you place us at the centre
feed us, equip us and having provided for us
look to a different harvest
a fruitfulness of lives
in service to you and others.
God of harvest,
feed us, prune us, harvest us
that our lives might bring glory to you.

For the promise of harvest contained within a seed we thank you.
For the oak tree within an acorn, the bread within a grain, the apple within a pip, the mystery of nature, gift wrapped for us to sow, we thank you.

Bible Verses

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5: 2-24)

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". (Matthew 9:37)

ANSWERS TO PRAYER FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S DIARIES:

- For the streamed services and blogs and the 'technology team' who enable all this to happen.
- For gradual relaxing of lockdown which has enabled church services to resume.

A reminder of what the Prayer Diary is about:

The prayer diary reminds us to pray each day for a person in the church, a street or organisation, and a diary event, and informs and directs our prayers, underpinning and supporting the day-to-day work of the churches in Banwell and Congresbury. The Diary is circulated to St Andrew's electoral roll in both Anglican churches and Congresbury Methodist members.

Please keep it in a handy place to use each day - it is designed to stick on the fridge with a magnet, or to fold to go in a book or bag etc.

The aim is that once every five months every person in the churches, each village & church organisation / group & each village street will be prayed for. **If you have not yet been included (and wish to be) please contact Congresbury Church Office (01934 833126).**

YOUR FEEDBACK IS WANTED

We would welcome any feedback and news of prayer answers / requests. Please contact the Congresbury Church Office (01934 833126) with your suggestions, answers to prayer, and any specific prayer requests. *Please could you get these to the Church Office by 20th September. Thank you.*

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New Creation churches -Prayer During the Day

O Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 51.15, Ps 118.24)

As we recall God's faithfulness we pray:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lam 3:22-23)

The Word of God

the **psalm for today** is in this month's Prayer Diary.
The **Bible readings for today** are in this month's Prayer Diary.

Response *silence and a time for individual reflection*

Prayers

please use today's entry in the prayer diary to guide your intercessions

The New Creation Prayer:

Loving God, you are one-
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, united in peace.
Unite our two traditions and village communities into one body- your body, and sustain our rich diversity we pray.
We give you thanks for your commitment to your people of every age and place.
We ask for your help to fulfil our commitment to you and each other.
Grant us your peace, that we might grow in patience and humility,
and help us to leave behind all that might hinder our unity as we walk with you.
Enable us, by your Spirit, to work together in peace in a new way,
to love our neighbours as ourselves and to honour Christ as Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

Bind unto yourself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise the Lord of your salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

(St Patricks breastplate prayer)
If you would like to join with others in saying daily prayer, please see Pew News for details for the coming month.